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Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—" May I know why the Government are very particular about acquiring those lands only ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" For the benefit of those people. "

*Alleged ill-treatment of depressed classes in Ramnad district.*

*652 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(i) to lay on the table of the House the report received from the Collector of Ramnad regarding the ill-treatment of depressed classes in that district as alleged in the memorandum submitted to Government by the President of the Adi-Dravida Mahajana Sabha ; and

(ii) to state what action has been taken on that report ?

A.—(i) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to answer to question No. 658 [a]. The Government are not prepared to adopt the suggestion.

(ii) It did not call for any action.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know what the District Magistrate says in his report regarding the allegations made in the memorial ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The question has been fully answered in reply to question No. 658. "

Mr. A. B SHETTY :—" May I know what objection the Government have to place the report of the District Magistrate on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is no necessity for that. I have given the gist of the report in the answer to question No. 658. "

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether some miscellaneous cases are not pending with the Subdivisional Magistrate in connexion with this matter ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice. "

Mr. W. P. A. SOUNDARA PANDIAN :—" In answer to clause (a) the Government say that they are not prepared to accept the suggestion of the hon. Member. May I know what action they propose to take in the matter considering the grievous nature of the case ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" In view of the report received from the District Magistrate mentioned in the answer to question No. 658, I do not see what the Government can do in the matter. "

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether the hon. Member has received any telegram from the President of the Ramnad Adi-Dravida Association during the last ten days ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I might have received some telegram ; I do not remember it. "

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Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Will the hon. the Home Member kindly enquire whether there has been any murderous assaults on the Adi-Dravidas of some of the villages in Ramnad?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "Yes, I shall enquire."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"What action will the Government take in the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "I should first enquire before considering the question of taking any action."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Are the Government aware that the depressed class members both here and outside feel very deeply in the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It may be so, but we must get at the facts before deciding upon action."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Do Government propose to appoint any committee as asked for in the resolution of my hon. Friend, Mr. Soundarapandiyan?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "That question has been answered in another connexion."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Seeing that the notice of this question was given early, why have not the Government already called for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"We have called for it and we have given the gist of it."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"I merely rise to ask whether steps are not being taken by the police in connexion with cases where the Adi-Dravidas have made complaints and whether such cases are not pending before the Court of the Subdivisional Magistrate?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not know. I know that there is a lot of factious feeling there."

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*Alleged circularization of Mr. Justice Waller's judgment in C.S. No. 650 of 1927 amongst officers.*

*653 Q.—Mr. C. BASU DEV: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table G.O. No. 723, Public, dated 4th October 1926; and

(b) whether the Government have accepted the judgment of Mr. Justice Waller in C.S. No. 650 of 1927 on the file of the High Court, Madras, and whether copies of the same have been printed and circulated among all the officers and, if so, for what purpose?